
SENATE BILL No. 183

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-11-8.

Synopsis: Poll opening and closing times. Authorizes a county election board to adopt by unanimous vote an order to allow the polls in the county to close later if a precinct in the county opens after the time required by law.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government and Elections.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-8-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 8. The polls in each precinct open
3 at 6 a.m. and, **except as provided in section 8.5 of this chapter**, close
4 at 6 p.m. on election day.
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-8-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2007]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) This section applies whenever a precinct in a**
8 **county opens after the opening time provided in section 8 of this**
9 **chapter.**
- 10 **(b) The county election board, by the unanimous vote of the**
11 **entire membership of the board, may adopt an order to allow the**
12 **polls in the county to close at a time that is later than the closing**
13 **time provided in section 8 of this chapter.**
- 14 **(c) An order under this section may not extend the closing time**
15 **of the polls by an amount of time that is greater than:**
- 16 **(1) the number of minutes by which the precinct described in**
17 **subsection (a) was delayed in opening; plus**



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1 (2) fifteen (15) minutes.

2 (d) Notwithstanding section 8 of this chapter, if a county election
3 board adopts an order under this section, the polls in the county
4 must close at the time specified in the county election board's
5 order.

6 (e) If:

7 (1) this title prescribes a time for an action to occur at a
8 precinct on election day; and

9 (2) a precinct described in subsection (a) opens after the time
10 that this title prescribes for the action to occur;

11 an order adopted by the county election board under this section
12 may reset the deadline by which the action must occur. The
13 prescribed action is valid if it occurs before the deadline set in the
14 county election board's order.

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